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TO AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: EAID, SWEL, HA

SUBJECT: REUTERS REPORT ON STARVATION IN HAITI

REF: (A) PORT AU PRINCE 1256; (B) STATE 73615

1. REUTER WIRE SERVICE REPORT DATE LINED PORT AU PRINCE  
APRIL 12 REPORTS FOOD SHORTAGES CAUSED BY DROUGHT HAVE  
RESULTED IN AT LEAST 70 DEATHS IN THE NORTH AND NORTHWEST  
OF HAITI, ACCORDING TO HAITI RADIO. REPORT ALSO STATES  
THAT MOST OF THE VICTIMS WERE YOUNG CHILDREN, THAT  
DEATH TOLL IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES NOT YET PROVIDED BY LOCAL  
AUTHORITIES, AND THAT RECENT RAINFALL IN PORT AU PRINCE IS  
UNLIKELY TO CAUSE A RAPID IMPROVEMENT IN THE SITUATION.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON THIS  
REPORT SOONEST AS WELL AS ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM  
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VOLAGS AND OTHER SOURCES ON EXTENT OF DROUGHT-INDUCED  
STARVATION IN HAITI.

3. THIS IS A JOINT STATE/AID MESSAGE.  
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